# **Special Issue**

# Bio-Based Hydrogels: Design, Synthesis and Applications

## Message from the Guest Editors

Bio-based hydrogels are a type of smart material that can swell and absorb large amounts of water or biological fluids. They are composed of natural polymers, such as cellulose, chitosan, alginate, and gelatin, which have great potential in developing advanced biomedical applications. Bio-based hydrogels have gained significant attention in recent years due to their biocompatibility, biodegradability, and non-toxic nature. In addition to their potential benefits, the development of bio-based hydrogels also presents significant challenges, including the optimization of their mechanical properties, stability, and controllable release kinetics. This Special Issue includes articles that cover various aspects of bio-based hydrogels, such as their synthesis, characterization, and properties, as well as their applications in drug delivery, tissue engineering, wound healing, and environmental, agricultural, and industrial applications. The articles also discuss the challenges and opportunities in the field of bio-based hydrogels and highlight the potential of these materials in developing innovative and sustainable solutions for biomedical applications.

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